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(SBU) On August 27, we delivered reftel points to Riho Kruuv, MFA Director for Armament and Strategic Goods Control and Kadri Jogi, MFA Middle East Desk Officer, on urging support for the consensus package on the Middle East resolution. On September 21, Jogi informed us that the Government of Estonia (GOE) abstained from supporting the common EU position at the IAEA general conference. According to Jogi, the language of the EU's position was too weak, especially in regards to Iran. Jogi told us off-the-record that a number of other EU members abstained for the same reasons as the GOE. Together with these countries, Jogi said that the GOE will continue to lobby within EU fora to "toughen up" the EU's common position.

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